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Three sets of books, containing a total of 157 volumes, were donated to the Mountain View High School Library on August 11, 1987, in memory of the late Eleanor Pritchard Jones of Carbondale. All of these volumes, in mint condition, were donated to the school by S. Robert Powell and Donald Walter Powell, of Elkdale and Carbondale, respectively, in memory of Eleanor Pritchard Jones, their first cousin once removed.

The first of these three sets of books is the 50-volume set of The Harvard Classics, edited by Charles W. Eliot and published by P. F. Collier & Son. Contained in this set are masterworks in the areas of history, poetry, science, philosophy, biography, letters, prose fiction, narrative, criticism and the essay, education, political science, drama, travel and voyages, and religion.

The second set consists of 61 Crown Octavo volumes entitled, The World's Greatest Literature, and was also published by P. F. Collier & Son, New York. Each volume is illustrated with frontispieces, each a master work in portraiture or historic painting. The primary areas covered in this set are: history, biography, philosophy, economics, politics, epic and dramatic literature, sacred and profane Oriental literature, orations, essays, and the history of English literature.

The third set consists of 46 volumes and is entitled, Library of the World's Best Literature, Charles Dudley Warner, editor. This set of books, published in 1897 by The International Society, New York, contains conspectuses of virtually all national literatures, as well as the chief matters found in literature to have engaged human interest and the chief products of intellectual and literary exertion in song, thought and knowledge.

Eleanor Pritchard Jones, in whose memory these volumes were donated to the school, was the daughter of Samuel Sheldon Jones and Margaret Gillespie Russell, and was born in Carbondale on March 4, 1883. By profession, she was a teacher of the deaf.

A graduate of Carbondale High School and Blair Hall, Blairstown, New Jersey, Miss Jones trained for teaching the deaf under Miss Ada R. King at the Pennsylvania State Oral School, Scranton, from 1902-1904. In September 1904, she began teaching the deaf at the Pennsylvania State Oral School. At the same time, she continued her professional training by attending summer schools at Northwestern University, the Central Institute of Saint Louis (under Dr. Max Goldstein), the Russell Sage Foundation, New York, and Johns Hopkins University.